

Lordship of Caldecote

Parish/ County	Houghton Regis Bedfordshire	Principle source	Victoria County Histories
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	Creation of the English Monarchy		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042 Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 Harold II 1066 William I 1066-1087
1066	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		
1086	Domesday		
Unknown	King Henry I grants land from the Domesday Manor and Lordship of Houghton Regis to Dunstable Priory.		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35
Unknown	King John confirms the grant to the Priory.		Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	Magna Carta		
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72
1264-1267	Second Barons War		
1274	The lords are so incensed at the Priory claiming royal rights in Houghton that Eudo la Zouche pulls down the prior's gallows at Eddesuthe and broke open his gaol (jail) at Caldecote.		Edward I 1272-1307
1323	The canons of the Priory grant free warren of their demesne lands in Houghton.		Edward II 1307-27

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1330	Most judgements in the manorial courts are in favour of the prior and the prior's view of frankpledge (dividing up responsibility in the manor into groups of ten men) is admitted on payment of a fine.	Edward III 1327-77
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Richard II 1377-1399 Henry IV 1399-1413 Henry V 1413-22 Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71 Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83 Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5 Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-47
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	
1541	Henry VIII grants Caldecote Manor and lordship to Urian Brereton and his wife Joan (widow of Edmund Lord Bray).	Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1560	Queen Elizabeth grants Caldecote to Thomas Reve and George Evelyn.	
1579	The earlier grant by Elizabeth appears not to have taken effect as she makes a further grant of Caldecote to Edward Downing and John Walker.	
1590	John Pare has come into the ownership of Caldecote and alienates (transfers) ownership to Francis Bevell.	
1613	Joseph and Thomas Medgate levy a fine in relation to the lordship but it is not known how they came to own Caldecote.	James I 1603-25
1639	Thomas alienates Caldecote to John Smith.	Charles I 1625-49
1642-1651	English Civil War	
1654	John transfers Caldecote to his son, also called John.	
1661	John sells Caldecote to John Lawrence.	Charles II 1660-85
1664	John Lawrence conveys Caldecote to Andrew Campion (described as a clerk).	
1666	Andrew transfers Caldecote to John Hockley. This is the last reference to the manor or lordship of Caldecote.	

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1732/3	Land in Caldecote is in the hands of Justus and Ann Gerhard.	James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702 Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	George III 1760-1820
1822	Richard Gilpin is said to hold land in Caldecote but once again without manorial status.	George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901 Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52 Elizabeth II 1952-
2014	The title appears not to have been used for 348 years, but the name of Caldecote lives on in a farm called Carcutt.	